

Region Four Headquarters 4600 Giant Springs Road Great Falls, MT 59405 March 31, 2009

## To Whom It May Concern:

Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP) is proposing to construct an all-weather road to provide public access to the newly established Marias River State Park and Wildlife Management Area (SP/WMA) in Toole County, Montana. The primary access road would connect Hjartarson County Road with the northwestern corner of the SP/WMA, crossing private ranch property. The proposed action would also encompass other ranch road improvements as required by an perpetual non-exclusive Road Access and Utility Easement and the development of a formal parking area for visitors to the SP/WMA.

The environmental assessment (EA) analyzes the impacts to the human and natural environment for the proposed action and alternatives. We invite you to review the attached EA and provide us with your comments no later than 5:00 PM on Thursday, April 30, 2009.

Please mail comments to:

Marias River SP/WMA Access Road and Parking Area Improvements FWP, Region 4 Headquarters 4600 Giant Springs Road Great Falls, MT 59405 Or email comments to: mmarcinek@mt.gov.

If you need additional information, please contact the undersigned at 406-454-5840, or Mr. Matthew Marcinek, Acting Region 4 Parks Manager, at 406-454-5858.

/S/
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Attachment: Draft Environmental Assessment